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2010 Louisiana Crop Acreage & Production - January

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## Louisiana's 2010 Crop Yields Fall Short of State Records

“Good weather conditions expedited the harvest of soybeans and cotton this year. Yields were good, but no state records were set in 2010, even though many individual producers exceeded state records for their individual operations,” said Nathan Crisp, Director of the Louisiana Field Office of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Cotton** production is estimated at 450,000 bales, up 29 percent from 2009. The 2010 planted acreage was estimated at 255,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year. An estimated 250,000 acres were harvested, up 11 percent from 2009. Yield per acre was 864 pounds, up 119 pounds from 2009. **Upland cotton** production for the U.S. is estimated at 17.8 million bales, up 51 percent from the 2009 production.

**Sugarcane** production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 12.2 million net tons, down 11 percent from 2009. Production for sugar is estimated at 11.3 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 870,000 net tons. An estimated 420,000 total acres were harvested, with 390,000 acres for sugar, the same as last year. The remaining 30,000 were acres harvested for seed, down 14 percent from last year. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 29.0 net tons per acre, down 3.2 net tons from the 2009 yield. U.S. production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed in 2010 is estimated at 29.5 million net tons, three percent below the previous year’s 30.4 million net tons.

**Louisiana’s soybean** production is estimated at 41.8 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2009. Total planted acreage was 1,030,000 acres, up one percent from 2009. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 1,020,000 acres, up nine percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 41 bushels per acre, up two bushels from the previous year. This is the second highest yield on record, only one bushel away from tying the state record set in 2007. U.S. **soybean** production is estimated at 3.3 billion bushels, down one percent from last year.

**Louisiana’s all rice** production is estimated at 32.6 million cwt, up 12 percent from 2009. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 30.2 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 2.4 million cwt. The planted and harvested acreage for 2010 were 540,000 and 535,000 acres, respectively, both up 15 percent from 2009. The statewide yield averaged 6,100 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2009. U.S. **all rice** production is estimated at 243.1 million cwt, up 11 percent from 2009.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 70.0 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2009. The 2010 planted acreage was estimated at 510,000 acres, down 19 percent from the previous year. An estimated 500,000 acres were harvested, down 18 percent from 2009. Yield per acre was an estimated 140 bushels, up eight bushels from the previous year. U.S. **corn** production is estimated at 12.4 billion bushels, down five percent from the record high production of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 7.4 million bushels, compared to 5.3 million in 2009. Total planted acreage was estimated at 82,000 acres, of which 78,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 95 bushels, was up 13 bushels from 2009. U.S. production of **sorghum** in 2010 is estimated at 345.4 million bushels, ten percent below 2009.

**Louisiana’s sweet potato** production is estimated at 2.5 million cwt, up 52 percent from 2009. An estimated 13,500 acres were planted in 2010, down four percent from 2009. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,000 acres, up eight percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 190 cwt per acre, up 55 cwt from 2009. U.S. **sweet potato** production is estimated at 23.8 million cwt, up 22 percent from the previous year.

**All hay** production in Louisiana in 2010 is estimated at 1.3 million tons, up 18 percent from 2009. An estimated 450,000 acres were harvested in 2010, up 18 percent from the previous year. Yield was 2.8 tons per acre, unchanged from 2009. U.S. **all hay** production is estimated at 145.6 million tons, down one percent from 2009.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010	
Corn for Grain	610	500	132	140	bushels	80,520	70,000	-13
Corn Silage	3	5	13	16	tons	39	80	+105
Rice, All	464	535	6,300	6,100	lbs: cwt	29,217	32,625	+12
Rice, Long Grain	410	495	6,320	6,110	lbs: cwt	25,912	30,245	+17
Rice, Medium Grain	54	40	6,120	5,950	lbs: cwt	3,305	2,380	-28
Upland Cotton	225	250	745	864	lbs: bales	349	450	+29
Sorghum for Grain	65	78	82	95	bushels	5,330	7,410	+39
Sorghum Silage	1	1	11	11	tons	11	11	---
Soybeans	940	1,020	39	41	bushels	36,660	41,820	+14
Sugarcane (Sugar & Seed)	425	420	32.2	29	net tons	13,685	12,180	-11
Sugarcane, Sugar	390	390	32.2	29	net tons	12,558	11,310	-10
Sugarcane, Seed	35	30	32.2	29	net tons	1,127	870	-23
Sweet Potatoes	12	13	135	190	cwt	1,620	2,470	+52
Hay, All	380	450	2.8	2.8	tons	1,064	1,260	+18

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010	
Corn for Grain	79,490	81,446	164.7	152.8	bushels	13,091,862	12,446,865	-5
Corn Silage	5,605	5,567	19.3	19.3	tons	108,209	107,314	-1
Rice, All	3,103	3,615	7,085	6,725	lbs: cwt	219,850	243,104	+11
Rice, Long Grain	2,265	2,826	6,743	6,486	lbs: cwt	152,725	183,296	+20
Rice, Medium Grain	786	746	8,052	7,660	lbs: cwt	63,291	57,144	-10
Upland Cotton	7,391	10,505	766	814	lbs: bales	11,788	17,817	+51
Sorghum for Grain	5,520	4,808	69.4	71.8	bushels	382,983	345,395	-10
Sorghum Silage	254	273	14.5	12.5	tons	3,680	3,420	-7
Soybeans	76,372	76,616	44.0	43.5	bushels	3,359,011	3,329,341	-1
Sugarcane (Sugar & Seed)	873.9	881.2	34.8	33.5	net tons	30,432	29,535	-3
Sugarcane, Sugar	817.0	828.7	34.9	33.6	net tons	28,494	27,851	-2
Sugarcane, Seed	56.9	52.5	34.1	32.1	net tons	1,938	1,684	-13
Sweet Potatoes	96.9	116.9	201	204	cwt	19,469	23,845	+22
Hay, All	59,755	59,862	2.47	2.43	tons	147,700	145,556	-1

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